

# COUNCIL ON NATUROPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATION

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Founded in 1978, the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, D.C. CNME's mission is to promote high quality naturopathic medical education in the United States and Canada through the accreditation of four-year, doctoral-level programs that lead to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (NMD) or Doctor of Naturopathy (NO) degree or diploma. Graduates of CNME accredited and candidate programs are eligible to take the naturopathic licensing examinations administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. The U.S. Secretary of Education recognizes CNME for preaccreditation and accreditation of NO and NMD programs in the U.S.

## Accredited Naturopathic Medicine Programs

1.  
Bastyr University  
14500 Juanita Dr. N.E.  
Kenmore WA 98028  
Initial accreditation granted April 1987 and last reaffirmed August 2008, The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for July of 2013. The university is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

2.  
Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine  
435 Columbia Street, Suite 300  
New Westminster, BC V3L 5N8, Canada  
(604) 777-9981 • [www.binm.org](http://www.binm.org)  
Initial accreditation granted December 2008. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for April of 2013.

3.  
Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine  
1255 Sheppard Ave. E.  
North York, ON M2K 1E2 Canada  
(416) 498-1255. [www.ccnm.edu](http://www.ccnm.edu)  
Initial accreditation granted September 2000 and last reaffirmed April 2009. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for March of 2013.

4.  
National College of Natural Medicine"  
049 S.W. Porter  
Portland, OR 97201  
(503) 499-4343 • [www.ncnm.edu](http://www.ncnm.edu)  
Initial accreditation granted April 1991 and last reaffirmed in April 2010. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for fall of 2014. The college is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.  
"Formerly called "National College of Naturopathic Medicine"

5.  
National University of Health Sciences  
200 E. Roosevelt Road  
Lombard, Illinois 60148  
800.826.6285 • [www.nuhs.edu](http://www.nuhs.edu)  
Initial accreditation was granted in October 2012. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for spring of 2016. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

6. Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences  
2140 E. Broadway Road  
Tempe, AZ. 85282  
(480) 858-9100 • [www.scnm.edu](http://www.scnm.edu)  
Initial accreditation granted November 1999 and last reaffirmed April 2009. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for January of 2013. The college is accredited by the Higher Learning

7. University of Bridgeport  
College of Naturopathic Medicine  
60 Lafayette Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06601  
(203) 576-4109 • [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu)  
Initial accreditation granted March 2006 and last reaffirmed April 2009. The next comprehensive evaluation visit is scheduled for March of 2013. The university is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Candidate Naturopathic Medicine Programs  
Candidacy is an affiliation with the Council that indicates a naturopathic medicine program:

1. Meets the Council's eligibility requirements;
2. Complies with the Council's standards to the degree expected of a program for its stage of development; and
3. Has demonstrated its potential its potential to attain accreditation within-five years after obtaining initial candidacy.

There are currently no programs in candidacy.

## Approved Residency Programs

In addition to its accreditation activities, CNME approves institutions to sponsor postdoctoral residency programs in naturopathic medicine. A manual containing the requirements for approval is downloadable from the CNME website. The following four CNME-affiliated institutions are currently approved to offer residency programs at various sites:

Bastyr University  
Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine  
National College of Natural Medicine  
Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine

## Additional Information

Additional information on accreditation appears on the CNME website ([www.cnme.org](http://www.cnme.org)) and in the Handbook of Accreditation, which contains CNME's accreditation standards, policies, and other information; the Handbook can be downloaded from the website or ordered from the CNME office. The website also has a link to the U.S. Department of Education's website, where detailed information about the U.S. system of accreditation appears. Questions regarding CNME may be directed to the Executive Director, Daniel Seitz, JD, EdD.

Information about the naturopathic profession and professional licensure in Canada and the U.S. is available from the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors ([www.cand.ca](http://www.cand.ca)) and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians ([www.naturopathic.org](http://www.naturopathic.org)).

